

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2421

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Upper Housatonic Val-
5 ley National Heritage Area Study Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “Study Area”
6 means the Upper Housatonic Valley National Herit-
7 age Area, comprised of—

8 (A) the part of the watershed of the
9 Housatonic River, extending 60 miles from
10 Lanesboro, Massachusetts, to Kent, Con-
11 necticut;

12 (B) the towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent,
13 Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, and
14 Warren, Connecticut; and

15 (C) the towns of Alford, Dalton,
16 Egremont, Great Barrington, Hinsdale,
17 Lanesboro, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount
18 Washington, New Marlboro, Pittsfield, Rich-
19 mond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham,
20 Washington, and West Stockbridge, Massachu-
21 setts.

22 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete
25 a study of the Study Area.

1 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study shall determine,
2 through appropriate analysis and documentation, whether
3 the Study Area—

4 (1) includes an assemblage of natural, histor-
5 ical, and cultural resources that represent distinctive
6 aspects of the heritage of the United States that—

7 (A) are worthy of recognition, conserva-
8 tion, interpretation, and continued use; and

9 (B) would best be managed—

10 (i) through partnerships among public
11 and private entities; and

12 (ii) by combining diverse and, in some
13 cases, noncontiguous resources and active
14 communities;

15 (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
16 folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the
17 United States;

18 (3) provides outstanding opportunities to con-
19 serve natural, historical, cultural, or scenic features;

20 (4) provides outstanding recreational and edu-
21 cational opportunities;

22 (5) contains resources important to any theme
23 of the Study Area that retains a degree of integrity
24 capable of supporting interpretation;

1 (6) includes residents, business interests, non-
2 profit organizations, and State and local govern-
3 ments that—

4 (A) are involved in the planning of the
5 Study Area;

6 (B) have developed a conceptual financial
7 plan that outlines the roles of all participants
8 for development and management of the Study
9 Area, including the Federal Government; and

10 (C) have demonstrated support for the
11 concept of a national heritage area;

12 (7) has a potential management entity to work
13 in partnership with residents, business interests,
14 nonprofit organizations, and State and local govern-
15 ments to develop a national heritage area consistent
16 with continued State and local economic activity;
17 and

18 (8) is depicted on a conceptual boundary map
19 that is supported by the public.

20 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the
21 Secretary shall consult with—

22 (1) State historic preservation officers;

23 (2) State historical societies; and

24 (3) other appropriate organizations.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after the
2 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
3 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Re-
4 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
5 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
6 a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
7 tions of the study.

8 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 to
10 carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate July 27, 2000.

Attest:

Secretary.

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